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Examining Group. 2873
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In re application of: Norio SATO et al.

Application No. : 10/724,714

Group Art Unit: 2873

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For : LENS BARREL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

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Sir:

In response to the final Official Action of July 6, 2005, in which the three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to October 6, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.